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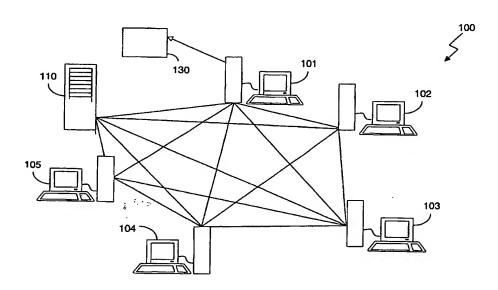
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(57) Abstract: A method of regulating sharing of a multimedia object (200) by a device (100), comprising registering usage information for the multimedia object (200) upon sharing of the multimedia object (200), and after the registering, billing a user of the device (100) for a certain amount in accordance with the registered usage information for the multimedia object (200). Registration preferably takes place in a client (101) arranged for sharing of the multimedia object (200). The usage information could for instance comprise the number of times a multimedia object has been shared, or the duration of the object. If a sufficient number of objects have been shared, or if the total time exceeds a maximum, the client (101) reports the usage information to a third party (130) for billing purposes.